

# TEC

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*from the*

### **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Hope all you Fathers had a Happy Fathers Day this past June with your loved ones.

I hope everyone is getting ready for Detroit. I didn't hear from to many that were going to the A.N.A. Convention in Detroit. Its sort of a week-end thing until Wednesday so people will be traveling in the middle of the week. Some like the idea and some don't. Anyhow we will see how things will work out. I think the TEC meeting will be on Sunday morning. You will have to get up very early to eat and go to church and then come to the meeting. A lot of different meetings going on this day to.

As of this writing in May we don't seem to get much for give away. So far no one had sent any elongated coins for the TEC meeting. I sure hope the members help on this. If not, we will do away with this. The only ones who will complain will be the ones who never donate a thing. You can't keep asking the same ones to do this all the time. There's also nothing in the by-laws that we have to do this. So if we don't get any donations, there won't be any give aways. I will give one of my elongated coins away. I also think that Frank Brazzell will to. We did away with the door prizes as I couldn't give all myself all the time.

The same goes for the auction, only one person beside myself said they would donate something for this. So if we don't get more donations, we will call this off. We still have two months to go, so time will tell.

Even the last minute I had to rush to get a TEC table and this is only because I received word from Frank Brazzell he again will help out and donate elongated coins for this table. As I said, maybe more and more will write in. Remember I'm writing this in May as I have to rush to get the TEC NEWS out.

Articles are slow coming in. I ask in every issue for articles but only a few answer my call for help. So if we don't get more articles you will get less pages. So how about hearing from you? If you have a good story about elongated coins or why you started to collect them, why not send it in as with out articles there wont be a TEC NEWS. So, Help, Help!

I'd like to mention about the TEC ads. They all must be camers ready to put in TEC NEWS. I don't have the things at home to make up your ads and I don't have the time to run around to buy extras to make up your ads.

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So only camers ready ads will be accepted. Also you must pay for your ad when you send in your camers ready ads as they are not free as some think. All ads in the TEC NEWS are paid ads and all sent in a check to pay for them. Make check out to TEC as the money goes into the TEC treasury. Your camera ready ads will appear as you sent them and your mistakes are your own.

If we don't get more interest shown for the Buy-Sell-Trade page, which is free, this will be dropped. I just don't feel like begging for this page as I have been doing. We have this page to help the members who want to sell a few elongated coins. We only allow three or four lines and some I add on a line if I have room. So its up to you folks. Many like this page and look forward to it so folks lets keep this page going as it will help us all. This is a one shot deal on the same thing. My words free, your words goes as a paid ad and you pay ahead.

Now when I wrote to Dottie Dow and Vance Fowler for coins for the TEC News, both sent in the elongated coins at once. This was greatly appreciated by your editor. So Dottie Dows coins will be given with this issue. I think one more person said he would donate to. I try to be set for the coming year to make sure we get elongated coins to give out with TEC NEWS. Again thank you Dottie Dow and Vance Fowler for their generosity.

We lost one of our TEC members in April, Harold Butner. He was a long time member and a good friend of ours. We still wrote to each other until just before he died. He was the one that took Al and I all over Hollywood while we were in California in 1974. We saw everything that I mentioned to see. Now I think it was all a dream. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Leona Butner from all the TEC officers and members.

If anyone hears of a member who is very sick, please let us know about this as we do care about our members. Also sending them a friendly card helps you get well fast knowing someone cares.

I'd like to thank all my friends who sent me get well cards and letters it made me feel grateful to all. How nice to hear from friends when your down and feeling low. It shows you really do care. Thanks to all for the kindness showned me.

Before I even finished typing this report it started to rain here in Connecticut. So far its been raining for eight days. The flood waters are all around here. Our Governor has asked President Reagan for help as we are hard hit by flooding all around us. It hits TEC to as I have to cross the Connecticut River to go to the printers in Hartford. The big highways are open so far but traffic is so heavy that I don't dare go into Hartford. So far I'm not late with TEC NEWS but if the flood waters go any higher the TEC NEWS will be late. So as of this writing the water has not started to come down. As of now our State has been declared a disaster area.

If you have an article for TEC NEWS please send it in early, the earlier the better. It doesn't have to be a long one as we dont have space for long articles. Even a half page article will help. Tell us how you got started collecting elongated coins. Or of some coin that you like the best. I never hear anyone mention the coins they are getting free or how they like them. Maybe you bought a nice elongated coin you liked very much. Just keep your articles about elongated coins or something to do with them. So far we have received many interesting articles and I do appreciate the help given me.

Right now things are pretty rough here but if the good Lord willing we hope to see many of you in Detroit at our annual TEC meeting. It will be good to see you all there. God Bless you all. Keep smiling as God loves you all.

Sally Kirka T.E.C. President  
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SERIES OF ELONGATED COINS

BY FRANK BRAZZELL  
TERRE HAUTE, IN.

I have had a few people contact me about doing a series of coins for them. Some people have an idea of what they want other people ask me what I think would make a good series to make.

About the only two series I have tried myself was a State series and at present I am working on a Space Shuttle series. I feel a series of coins should have a theme the average people will relate with. Some of the people like sports like baseball or football or basketball, but as hard as it may be for those people to understand, not all people like sports, so they are not interested in a series of that sort. Some people like current events, but there again not all people are that interested. I think that was one reason I started the space shuttle series. It was on all the news so everyone can see it.

I like airplanes myself, even though some people don't. It is part of history in the making and I can be part of it by doing a series that is now, but will be with us forever just like the Wright Brothers first flight. I enjoy making elongated coins anyhow so why not do something I like in a series.

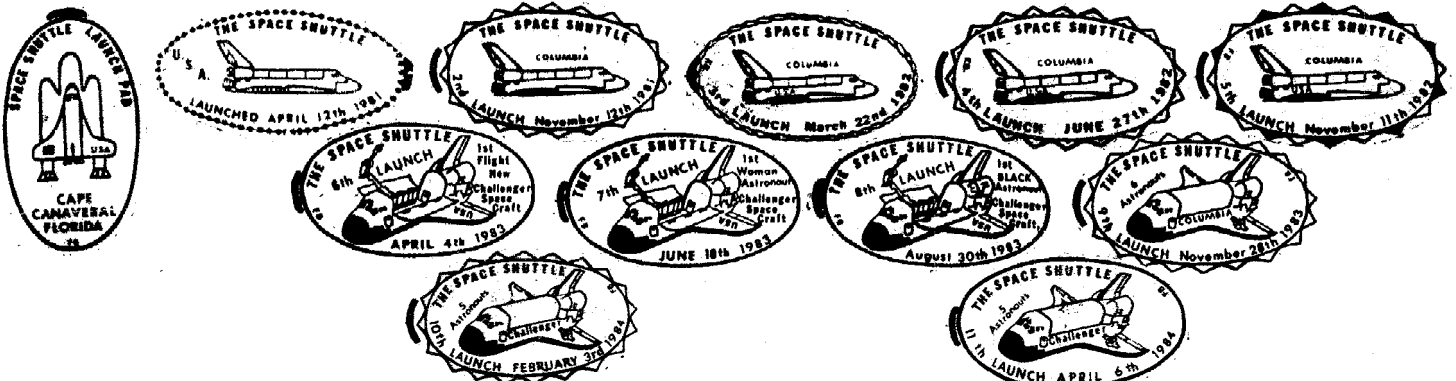
I started my series with the first space shuttle launch back in April of 1981 and just finished the 11th launch on April 6th, 1984. I have changed the borders as well as the side view and angle view of the space craft. The first mission that the extended arm was used I showed it on shuttle as well as the next two missions. The first woman and the first black astronauts were listed on the coins, also to add information.

I feel that a series should be informative as well as attractive and appeal to the masses. If anyone is interested in starting a series of some kind these are things to keep in mind so the demand will be greater for the coins. If you try to specilize to much you loose a lot of the appeal of the coins as not as many people will be interested in it. I feel the space shuttle series will have appeal all over the country where other series may be interesting in certain area but not have mass appeal.

I plan to start a series of covered bridges for Parke County and make all 36 bridges as I know it will have good appeal in that area and to people who visit the area but will not have the general appeal all over the country as a lot of people are not interested in something like that.

As I can engrave my own dies and roll my own coins I can do this type series because I like it and not worry about the cost or if I can make my money back for the expense. It is something that will sell in this area for a number of years so I can specialize in it and take the time to make back my expenses.

Not everyone can do this so if you are thinking about doing some kind of series you should do one that appeals to a lot of people and make back your expense in a hurry if you can. Below are pictures of the different space shuttle series I am working on. I understand there will be five or six more launches this year so I will be adding to my list by years end.



THE CENTURY COIN MACHINES, INC.  
OF THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR

BY DAVID SINGER  
SENT IN BY JOHN SPADONE

The 1934 Chicago World's Fair was about to reopen for a repeat performance. 1933 was a smash! Everybody connected with it worked hard, long hours, made a living and above all it was fun.

The official roll-out machines making souvenirs on the customers pennies was no exception. We looked forward to going back for another season of work. However, this year it was going to be different. The roll-out machines (elongated was a word not used) were after a killing.

One of my two bosses was Mr. C. Kelley, 477 Deming Place, Chicago. One day he showed me a list of dates and figures. The dates were of each day the 1933 C.W.F. was open and the figures were of the attendance for each day "Singer," he said, "Look at these percentages." He figured a certain percent of each days attendance would purchase roll-outs. I didn't say too much or try to hurt his enthusiasm. I knew he was reaching for the moon and my opinion, which I kept to myself, was that it was so far wrong it wasn't funny.

On March 31, 1934 the roll-out partners incorporated under number 11385735, as Century Coin Machines, Inc., with the Secretary of State (Edward J. Hughes) of Illinois. Listed as officers were J.F. Cornelius, 5510 Sheridan Road, Chicago, and Lyle Harper, 1511 E. 51st Street, also of Chicago. With Kelley, these were the corporation officers. The registered agent was Leo Ginsburg, also of Chicago.

The purpose of the corporation was "to operate and manage, control and distribute, coin stamping machines, as well as similar and other types of vending machines or to carry on any other business which may seem to the corporation capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the objects, or calculated, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of the corporation property or rights.

The corporation issued 350 common shares at \$100.00 per share value. Four directors were to be elected at the first meeting of the shareholders. It was estimated that the value of all property to be owned by the corporation for the following year would be \$5,000.00. They estimated the gross amount of business which would be transacted by the corporation for the following year would be \$20,000.00. The duration of the corporation was for 99 years.

An article on roll-outs I wrote came to the attention of Leo Ginsburg, now residing in a Chicago suburb. He joined M.E.C. and attended a meeting. In 1934, as a young attorney, in Chicago loop, he worked for J.F. Cornelius, a Republican Ward Committeeman with enough clout to secure the managment of the American Indian Village, where Indians from many different tribes and parts of the country were gathered, a federally backed project.

I worked the roll-out machine in 1933 at the American Indian Village and in 1934 was a supervisor for a number of machines on the fair grounds. What happened in 1934 will be published in future editions of elongated publications.

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 BUY-SELL- TRADE  
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FOR SALE: By Roy S. Fowler Sr., 4048 Pentiction Circle N.E., Salem, Oregon 97305. Roy has 18 new elongated coins for sale at 25¢ each. Also send a S.A.S.E. Remember if you order more then two or three, send more stamps. Roy also said, if you want to show off your coins, he has hardwood frames for your coins at 75¢ each, plus S.A.S.E. for sample frame. They only hold one coin. Very nice for exhibits.

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 FOR SALE: By Doug Fairbanks Sr., 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, New York, 13078. Doug has 100 assorted elongated cents, all different for sale at \$21.00 postpaid.

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 FOR SALE: By Tom Gerhardt, P.O. Box 135, Keystone, S.D. 55751. Tom has a new "skydive" coin with a plane on it for 50¢ each, plus an S.A.S.E. A real nice elongated coin. Tom travels around a lot so don't give up as he will catch up on his mail and will answer his letters one of these days. His work takes him all over the U.S.

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 FOR SALE: By Bert Samsa, 611 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. Bert has the set of four elongated coins on a card of Pope John and Reagans visit to Fairbanks, Alaska. He also has a set of four elongated coins of the 25th anniversary of the Alaska Statehood. All beautifully made and the dies very nicely made. I have the sets already. The price of single coins \$2.00 each or the set of four on a card for \$6.00. By the way the coins made for the Pope's visit were blessed by the Pope. Bert has a very interesting story about this which will be in the this issue.

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 FOR SALE: By Roy S. Fowler Sr., 4048 Pentiction Circle, N.E. Salem, Oregon 97305. Roy has the elongated coin "Columbia George" which is actually produced on board ship as it paddles up and down the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington. They are 25¢ each, plus an S.A.S.E. More on this elongated coin in Vance Fowler's article on another page.

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 If your ad didnt make this issue, please write again as I was in the hospital and lots of times things get misplaced. So if you have anything for the BUY-SELL-TRADE page please send it right in. If more interest isn't shown I will do away with this page. This page helps the members a lot so please help all by putting in what you have for sale on these free ads. Its a one shot deal and my write up, yours is a paid ad.

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 FOR SALE: By Ray W. Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, Mich. 48430. Beautiful is all I can say for the sample set of nine coins on a card that Ray sent me. The town of Fenton, Michigan is celebrating its sesquicentennial and Ray has issued nine different elongated coins mounted on pictorial cards, showing landmarks and Historic Sites to commemorate the 150 year celebration of Fenton, Michigan.

The set I received comes on pink and blue cards. The coins are really beautifully designed and they are a must in your collection. I'm not kidding as I'm very well pleased with the set Ray sent me. I'd suggest you order your sets at once. The price of the set of nine elongated coins on a card is \$5.00, plus 75¢ postage and handling for each set. These can be put in an exhibit just as they are and make up a nice exhibit.

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 Abe Gefter, 340 W. 28th Street, New York, N.Y. 10001. Abe has a new price list out with 23 elongated coins that are even new to me. They all look good to me. Anyone wishing his price list, please write to the above address. Don't forget that S.A.S.E. when writing in for this price list. It will be worth your time to send for this as I see a lot of nice coins on his list that I never heard of before.

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In April issue of the TEC NEWS I told about spraying the Lincoln side of the pennies. Its a must if you want Lincoln to show up at all. I don't mean I had the best idea for this but how I do them. I still rather do the coloring by hand but spraying the coins is very good to. Try different things and you may do a better job. What I was trying to point out was not to over spray the coins or Lincoln won't be there.

Now after pennies are rolled and flattened you can also spray a clear lacquer on them to hold the shine of the new look longer. Again this is not a must to do but I tried this and liked the way the coins look. Yet this is a tricky thing to do or you can make a sticky mess. Please take my word for it. So do a few at a time or you will cry your eyes out. Also never spray on a hot humid day. I try to pick a cool dry day or do the spraying before summer sets in.

I'm lucky now to have one big room to do my work in as its a must you have an open window while spraying. I use a clear lacquer bought at the K-Mart store for about \$2.69 to \$2.89 a can. The name of it is Easy Way and has an auto on the can, bought in the auto department of the store. I've tried many name brands but I like this the best. Yet folks use what you like the best as you may find something even better. Lets hear from you if you do.

If you have a large table this helps a lot as I line the table with a lot of newspaper all over the table. Then I have some kind of buttons I line up where I can lay the elongated coins on top of. Yet don't have the coins touch each other or the paper. Lets say you want to spray a 100 elongated coins, then line these up on the buttons.

Now, not everyone has these buttons as I have. You can also use regular buttons or pennies, dimes or what ever you have. By the way a button factory helps to get a shovel full of buttons which I use. Once all coins are lined up get ready to spray.

Shake that spray can as it tells you how to use the clear spray. A good three minutes of shaking helps a lot. Then go to town spraying all the coins. Do not hold spray on the coins to long in one place but an even spray on all coins is a must. If spray is to old or you didn't shake it enough it will bubble up. So easy does it.

At times when I see tiny bubbles I go over them with a tooth pick to break them up. This again takes a little experience to do a good job. No I'm not that good as even I make mistakes. Yet you learn a lot from mistakes. I've learned a new trick from one mistake but another story, yet works very well with a new look on the reverse.

Now you must let these coins dry and I mean let them dry. A good 24 hours helps a lot but in warmer weather it could take 48 hours or two days. Like I said try other clear lacquer which you may like even better. I have good luck with what I use. Yet if they run out of this in K-Mart I use other clear lacquer bought in the paint department there.

When coins are dried good I turn them over and do the other side to. Again I dont handle the coins until good and dry. I did this to some of the elongated pennies in 1971 or 1972 and the sprayed clear lacquer coins still look like they were rolled only a week ago. This is not a must to do but the people I make the elongated coins for liked them better this way to.

I'm not looking for any jobs now as I have my hands full. Believe me the way I feel and all I have to do I couldn't keep up with all. Yet maybe next year I'll have more time. As of now ask the rollers that advertise that they will roll coins for you. They all do a good job and will be glad to make coins for you. See their ads in the TEC NEWS.

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WORLD'S LARGEST LOG CABIN

BY ROY S. FOWLER SR.  
SALEM, OREGON

When the Forestry Building was constructed for the Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition held in Portland, Oregon in 1905 this "Cathedral of the Forest Industry" was truly the World's Largest Log Cabin.

To give you an idea of the size of the building, picture six, six foot thick Douglas Fir logs standing on end as columns across the entry-way to the building. They stood more than two stories high and supported the edge of the roof. The roof then peaked another two stories higher. I can remember, as a child, standing alongside one of those massive columns and thinking they were the largest trees in the world. (That was before I saw the Giant Sequoias.)

They had been logged in Washington State and were each carefully picked up and transported to Portland so they wouldn't harm the bark. The cost of the building at that time ran about \$30,000. After the Exposition the building was converted into the Forestry Museum and was visited by many from all parts of the world. Commercial firms and Fraternal Organizations were joined by Foreign countries and some of the States in constructing exquisite examples of the current architecture,

After the Exposition closed, most of the buildings were either moved or destroyed. The disposition of other items is not known. Of the two elongated coins concerning the Exposition that I have in my collection, the first is the Forestry Bldg, which was given me by my Mother when I was a child. It has, "Forestry Bldg. Lewis Clark Expo." on it. I have treasured it for all these years. The second elongated coin is an IOOF coin with the additional wording, "Lewis-Clark Expo. 1905" on it. This was given me by a friend who had inherited it from his Father's estate. It had once been gold-plated from the looks of it. Both were rolled from Indian Head cents but the dates are not legible.

I have no idea how many Expo. elongated coins were rolled. I'm sure some of you have more information. This or any other information about the Expo. would be appreciated. While researching for this I ran across some other interesting items. The Expo. was open for five months and over 2,500,000 people visited the affair to the tune of over \$1,500,000 in receipts. As part of the promotion the Oldsmobile Company had two cars, Old Scout and Old Steady, drive from New York City to Portland. They left Broadway and 59th Street at 9:00 a.m. on the 9th of May 1905 and drove into the Expo. grounds 44 days later! Also the Post-Office in Portland cancelled 21,000,000 pieces of first class mail with "World's Fair 1905" on them. (Wouldn't you like to have some of them!) Then on September 26, 1905 an 18 year old boy made motor driven aircraft history when he made several trips in two motor driven gas bags. Circling over Portland and landing on the roof of the Chamber of Commerce building, then taking off again and returning to the Expo. grounds. In the 55 minute trip he flew at the incredible speed of 15 MPH! (That was less than two years after the Wright Brothers first heavier than air motor driven airplane.) On the day the boy was doing this, in Dayton, Ohio, Orville Wright flew a plane 11 miles in 18 minutes.

The Governor of Oregon, Victor Atiyeh has a collection of memorabilia of the Expo. Unfortunately this World's Largest Log Cabin only existed 59 years. It was destroyed by fire in 1964.

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If you have any elongated coins to put in on the page for BUY-SELL and Trade, please send it right in. If I don't get more members to write in we will do away with this page, so its up to you. I never thought it was so hard to get anyone to write in about the coins they have for sale. So folks lets hear from you if you have a coin for sale. There are many of our members that may want the elongated coin you may have for sale. Deadline for articles and ads is Aug. 15, 1984. Send at once if you can.

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 NOTES OF INTERESTS

We now have a few 1983 TEC badges left over that some of the people had ordered and had not sent for them. If anyone wants one please write at once. These will be sold on the first come basis. They are still \$5. each. Once these are sold out you'll be out of luck. To the new TEC members these are quarters rolled out and put on a red, white and blue ribbon on them. The idea of these badges was to wear at the A.N.A. Convention to let others know we are "The Elongated Collectors." The other reason was to make extra money for the TEC treasury. When the membership drops we can use the extra money, as like now, stamps will be going up soon. So it will cost more for mailing out the TEC NEWS. Also the printing always seems to be going up. So we can use the extra money for TEC.

As the last treasurer closed out the books to quickly last year I did not have a chance to buy the plaques so they will still be bought along with this years plaques will be given out to those that earned them. Some will be sent to them as not all will be in Detroit and I can't see to carry them and back for nothing. We do give out a plaque for the best article in the TEC NEWS every year. The chairman of this will be the judge of this. I do present the President plaque to who has helped me the most. Also we do give a speakers plaque to a speaker at our annual TEC meeting.

A get-well wish to John Izzo who will soon be coming home from the hospital after almost a five month stay there. John lost his leg and now has a new leg. This is why he had to stay so long in the hospital so he could learn to walk again. His wife called me and said he is coming along very good. Welcome Home John.

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## 100 YEARS OF QUALITY EDUCATION

BY MARTIN ROSSOW  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Cartwright School District of Phoenix, Arizona brought to a close their celebration commemorating the first "100 Years of Quality Education" Saturday, April 14th, 1984 with the Cartwright Centennial Reunion from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All of those present were called to assemble on the grounds in front of the school by toiling of the bell. The school bell was donated to the school by Manford Cartwright in 1912. The large bell was mounted in the bell tower and then remounted in the new school building in 1924. It has since been mounted in concrete in front of the Cartwright School as a permanent memorial to those pioneers who donated their time and effort to obtaining the best education possible for their children 100 years ago.

The opening ceremony was conducted by Dr. William R. Dabb, the Superintendent, who introduced several guests including the Mayor of Phoenix, Hon. Terry Goddard. Entertainment, exhibits and food and beverages were provided. Former Arizona Governor Hon. Jack Williams was the guest speaker just before the cutting of the birthday cake.

In the early days, in the community now known as Cartwright School District, lived a few scattered families with determination, energy, and the pioneering spirit. Before Cartwright School opened in 1984 the nearest school was three miles away.

Community dances and other socials were held to raise money and other essentials. When the new desks arrived, they were secured to the floor, thus preventing further dances but not the other socials. In 1895, the student enrollment reached 62. A large tent was set up and a second teacher was hired.

Mr. Alfred Lockwood taught in the original school. He left teaching to become an attorney. Mr. Lockwood later became a judge of the Superior Court and eventually became Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court.

Because there was no well on the school grounds, drinking water came from a nearby irrigation ditch. Later a cistern was dug and filled with water from the same ditch.

Since there was not always running water in the ditch, the water was occasionally stale and unpleasant to drink. Believing that live fish in the cistern would solve the problem, a few carp were placed there. Every one seemingly enjoyed the "fresh" water until the day a dead fish was brought up in the water bucket.

The first great growth in school enrollment came soon after World War I. The government brought thousands of families from Mexico to pick cotton. As required by state law, dozens of non-English speaking children enrolled in school. In the latter 1920's another growth resulted from the movement of Japanese farmers into the district. Around 1956, the tremendous growth in the community resulting from a surge in the home building industry, made it necessary to build schools to serve the new neighborhoods.

In 1884 the Cartwright School District had a one-room, one teacher system. In 1984 the Cartwright School District has 17 schools, 635 teachers and 12,600 students.

The elongated penny, commemorating the event, was designed by the centennial Committee depicting the "bell" and "100 Years of Quality Education." It was rolled by Dottie Dow.

In conclusion, I gathered the above data from various items written for the occasion.

The next deadline is Aug. 15, 1984 for ads and articles. So send it in.

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 CLEAN AND SPRAY COINS BEFORE ROLLING

BY FRANK BRAZZELL  
 TERRE HAUTE, IN.

In the last issue of TEC NEWS, Sally Kirka had a very informative article about "Spray or not Spray." I think one thing that may help rollers that was not mentioned and not everyone does this by the way, is to clean the coins before spraying. Even if you use shinny new cents and spray them sometimes there is a oil film that is on the coins that come from the mints.

I have found that sometimes, not always, but sometimes the spray does not stick on the coins as well as it should. Sometimes the spray will bubble up and leave little round spots and when you roll the coins you will have these spots show up on the face of the coins and not look to good.

In the past I have taken an old minnow bucket as this has a inter bucket with holes in it and I pour about a half bag of cents in the bucket and then pour part of a gallon of plain old paint thinner in over the coins. This will do away with the oil film on the coins. Then just lift out the inter bucket and the paint thinner will run out through the holes and catch in the outer bucket and you can pour it back into its container. Then just run warm water on the cents and take them out and dry with an old towel or some cloth. I know it sounds like a lot of time but you can do a bag of 5000 cents in less than an hour from start to finish and those coins will last a long time for most people.

I have found that the 1984 pennies are real bad this year with the oil film on them. I sprayed a few, 500 to 1000 fresh from a new bag without all above, as I was in a hurry to roll some for an order and not only did the spray not stick to well but when I rolled the coins the coins have a odd film that keeps the coins from having a good shine like a new cent that has been rolled. It was just dull looking and in some places it kind of hides some of the die work so you can not read it or see it clearly. You know what I mean.

Of course the people who roll on the street for commercial use don't bother with all this but most collectors like to turn the coins over and see old Abes face or even the reverse of the cent with all its letters showing. I think if you use the above method to clean your coins and then follow Sally's advice in her article from the last issue you will have a nice looking coin or coins when you roll them. Good luck and happy rolling to all.

## ----- COINS DONATED

Our thanks goes to Dottie Dow for the elongated coins she had donated to give out with this TEC NEWS. I wrote to Dottie I needed coins for the TEC NEWS and Dottie sent them right out. Dottie never failed to donate enough elongated coins for this when ever she is asked. For all the new members who have joined in the past few years, Dottie Dow along with a few others was the founder and the first President of "The Elongated Collectors." She also has written the first book on elongated coins and also was one of the Authors of the latest books on elongated coins along with Lee Martin. These books helped many of us in our collection of the elongated coins. Thanks again Dottie.

I have already heard from a couple more that will donate coins to give out with future TEC NEWS. I have not heard from the person who donated the coins for the last April issue. I forgot who donated the coins and want to thank them from all of us.

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 ELONGATED COINS IN ALASKA, BLESSED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II BY BERT SAMSA  
 FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

1984 is a Historical year for the State of Alaska! We have been part of the great United States for a quarter of a century! I decided to do something to commemorate this year. I came up with the idea of an elongated token rolled on a Lincoln cent. While procrastinating, Fairbanks received word that President Reagan and Pope John Paul's paths would cross here, in Fairbanks, on May 2nd at Fairbanks International Airport! There is now no more time for playing with this idea, it is time to act. I have about a month to get things ready.

Months ago I had written for information about a coin rolling machine. I quickly ordered the machine asking Frank Brazzell to send it by air as soon as possible.

As you might imagine, the logistics for this visit were awesome. The committees were set up for everything. A Papal committee was set up to approve protocol for the Popes visit. They decided to have 13 concessions booths at the airport. The Catholic School of Fairbanks were to get half of the profits from each of these concessions. I met with the committee, bringing with me 12 proposed designs for elongated tokens for them to choose from, I wanted a set of four different tokens. Fairbanks' Bishop Welan sanctioned the token that says "Fairbanks welcomes the Pope and the President," the other three were okayed by the committee and I was assigned a booth.

I mailed off my designs to have the dies made, my rolling machine had arrived. I designed a card to mount the tokens on and took that to a local print shop. Rush, rush, rush. The proofs arrive for the dies, they were not quite right, so I correct them and send them back. Things seem to be coming together but time was marching on. Unfortunately none of the Fairbanks banks had any of the 1984 pennies so I was forced to call my brother-in-law in Anchorage to see if he could find any down there. David finds them and has them flown up to me. The proofs arrive back for the dies and this time they are perfect, a phone call and the dies are ordered. Now the long wait for them to arrive here from outside. Actually it was excellent service, five days. As soon as the dies arrived I immediately started squashing pennies. Horrors! All the backs are shiny and not a Lincoln to be seen and I'm rolling imported 1984-D pennies for this occasion! This is not what I wanted or expected. I called Frank and he asked, what are you painting with? "Painting, I'm not painting with anything was my reply. Frank said, "I must have forgotten to tell you, you have to paint the backs before the rolling process. Now I have to search all over Fairbanks for the right paint. I finally located it and after much experimenting and another phone call, I get the whole process down pat. Time is now running very short and there is no time I can get all these pennies rolled alone. The Pope and the President will be in Fairbanks in two days and will I be ready? I got my mother and father to help me and then call youth job service who sent two young men to help me. A friend also dropped by and she was put to work. We now set up an assembly line to paint the pennies, squash the pennies, fill up cards with the four designs, make key chains, necklaces, make single in 2x2's as everyone needs a souvenir of this historic occasion.

It was anticipated that there would be a crowd of 43,000 people to witness the meeting of the President and the Pope. Our town was filled with secret service personnel and there were rules for everything. The security was changing the rules all the time but I was told if I was at the airport by 4:00 a.m. I would be able to get on the ramp and set up my booth. None of my crew got to bed before midnight and we were sleeping on couches throughout the house. We all thought someone would set the alarm clock, but nobody did. To my surprise the first call was, "its 3, o'clock!" We jumped into our clothes, loaded the truck and made a baseline  
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to the airport. When we got there we were told no more cars on the ramp. Here I am with my crew, my rolling machine, all my tokens and we couldn't carry all this for a half mile. We finally get the clearance to drive the truck to my booth. Their orders were, drive up, unload and back off, the security will check you out. We stand there in 20 degree weather shivering and shaking, dressed like chechakos, wishing we had our long johns or at least a parka. The secret service men and their dogs inspected our equipment and we were able to set up for business. We are all freezing to death and the wind is blowing. Its still dark and hours until the Pope and the President are due to arrive. We did manage to bring a thermos of coffee with us. We pour a cup of coffee but the coffee gets cold before we are able to drink it. It is a miserable day the people are arriving in busses, passing through the security gates. Many were wrapped in blankets and carryed umbrellas. It starts to drizzle, the wind picks up, its getting to be daylight, people are beginning to see the booths and stop by. We do a brisk business for a short time but people are most interested in keeping warm then buying tokens. There is a coffee booth next door, the coffee is a \$1.00 a cup and there is a line waiting most of the time.

Finally about 10 a.m. the President arrives. Then comes the Popes airplane taxing up the runway with two flags flying from the cockpit windows a flag of the United States and a flag of the Vatican. The crowd cheers, the bands are playing, choruses are singing, what a great moment! President Reagan, Bishop Welan and a group of digitaries walk out to meet the Pope. The sun does manage to come out from behind the clouds for a few minutes. President Reagan and Pope John Paul II each give a little speach and then meet privately in a conference room at the airport. Then the President leaves to go back to Washington D.C. Pope John Paul II meets with the handicapped and the elderly and finally comes back and has a prayer service for the people gathered on the apron. The crowd is only about 10,000 people. The cold wet weather has kept most people at home. The Pope blesses us all and also blesses all religious artifacts. What an experience this is! With a lot of fanfare the Pope boards his airplane and heads for Korea. My tokens and dies were there. I have the only elongated coins blessed by Pope John Paul II!

The people begin leaving in droves, no doubt suffering as we were, from a slight case of hyperthermia. We packed up and left but what a day this has been. We went home and warmed up with a hot-buttered rum in front of the fireplace. Looking out the window, Mom said, "its snowing!"

These elongated tokens are available from, Bert Samsa, 611 Cowles St., Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. The prices are \$2.00 for the singles, or \$6.00 for the card of the four designs. I also now have elongated coins commemorating the 25th anniversary of Alaska's Statehood for the same price.

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FOR SALE: By John H. Wilcox, 310 Washington Place, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902. He has the latest New Jersey elongated coin design--Steamer - New Brunswick, Raritain River, N.J. at 50¢ each for pennies, plus S.A.S.E.

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FOR SALE: By Jack Storm, % Jakes Coins, P.O. Box 10453, Burbank, Calif. 91510-453. Jack has four new coins out and all four on pennies \$2.00 plus S.A.S.E. and elongated dimes are a \$1. each plus S.A.S.E. Three coins are engraved for the 1984 Summer Games and the other is his store card. He will have more issues coming out on regular basis.

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This is a picture of the elongated coin that John Wilcox has for sale. Its a very nice coin in anyones collection. Write to the above address if you would like to buy this very nice elongated coin. It is very well made as the design very well done.

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The many years that I have been collecting elongated coins are all telescoped into a few days when I look at my collection. I enjoy seeing the extremely wide range of subjects. My favorite topical (coins with the same theme but different design) group include sports, dogs, cats, and important political events. The latter group truly make "Time Stand Still, which refutes the old theory that "Time Marches on."

However, looking at my coins also brings to mind a very real problem. Practically all rollers are represented and the quality varies greatly. I have the beautiful coins made by Vance Fowler with their very high reliefs and the excellent coins rolled from dies hand-engraved by Adam Cool. Both gentlemen are an asset to the hobby and anyone owning coins made by them enjoy quality issues.

This doesn't mean that other rollers have not done equally well but from my narrow view the quality often lacks something from those of us create photo-etch coins. I was not satisfied with my efforts since the last TEC meeting and did not try to sell any coins. Now, at last I have improved my dies to a point where I can feel confident that the coins will meet standards. This is NOT meant to be a commercial plug for my new issues but it does lead to an idea that I have been wanting to utilize.

Grading elongated coins now seems practical. Not for wear but for details. Thus from now on I intend to place an A,B,C, or D beside any coin I offer for sale. The logic is based upon the obvious fact that our stretched coins range in detail from hen tracks to three dimensional appearance.

Any coin with real depth will merit the A rating. Good quality photo etch coins will be given a B and average rather low level coins, primarily photo etch issues will be C rated. The D is reserved for very low level coins and those with missing details, too rough a finish, etc.

Please note that the height of the details is not the only guideline. Many early issues were hand tooled and have high relief but they are also poor in appearance or texture. I will compromise and take all into consideration when grading. This is merely my own interpretation and should not be regarded as an attempt to create grading standards for the hobby although I do think the idea has merit and collectors may want to create a system that would be acceptable to all. (Holed coins would have a minus attached to the grade and super-border coins might rate a plus.)

I would appreciate the opinions of anyone who has constructive ideas concerning the potential and need or lack of it for the hobby. My address is P.O. Box 667, Beaumont, Ca. 92223. I'll try and write in next issue and give details of correspondence received.

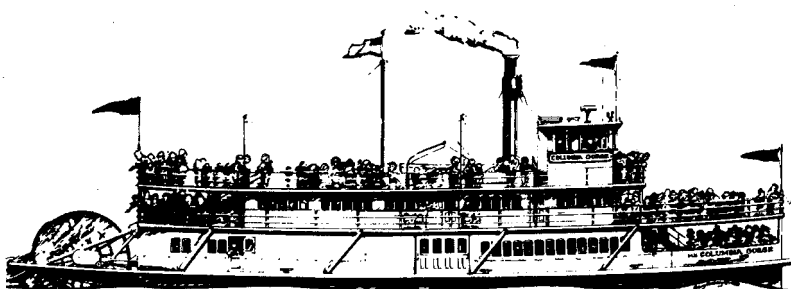
Now back to my collection. My favorite coins are the extremely high pantograph issues of Dottie Dow when she made her anniversary coin with Don. I also enjoy Rosato's hand crafted scenics and old fashioned look of Gus Meccarello's issues. The diversification of Frank Brazzell and Sally Kirka's P.N.C. covers are major pluses. Summing up the entire picture I guess I like all the elongated coins and I know I LOVE our hobby.

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Take our mistakes we make in the TEC NEWS with our love for you as we often sit up all night working on it so we can get it out to you on time. We try very hard to please everyone but sometimes very hard to do. You can all help us to send us your articles on time so we can get them done early. If you know of any member that is sick, please also tell me so I can tell the members. Yes we do care about our members and you do to.  
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## ROLLIN' DOWN THE RIVER

BY VANCE FOWLER  
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Dealing with any kind of the governmental organization has been most difficult when it is with elongated coins. I have had all kinds of experiences with them in setting up machine loca-

tions and most quite negative. Nevertheless, I have found one, at last, with a delightfully open minded attitude. It is called the Port of Cascade Locks located on the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington in the Columbia River Gorge.

These people are really different. They are so different that they actually built a brand new \$2½ million dollar sternwheel river boat to take the tourists up and down the river above Bonneville Dam near The Bridge of the Gods. There are three tours a day of 20 miles in length. They run seven days a week and carry up to 500 and more passengers.

Well, it is delightful scenery and lots of people are enchanted with the boat as well. They are a wonderfully captive audience for two hours at a time too. Rollin' down the river in a paddle boat replica reminiscent of bygone days just had to call out for rolling out a coin. The Port of Cascade locks said, "yes."

You will now find a Cimeter Elongator on board this great river conquering conveyence. If the machine doesn't get washed overboard or go down with the ship it should be putting out coins for some time to come. The name of the boat is none other than "Columbia Gorge." Members of T.E.C. can get the coin for 25¢ each with S.A.S.E. through Roy Fowler. See Buy-Sell-Trade ads. This elongated coin is actually being produced on board ship as it paddles up and down the Columbia River system between Oregon and Washington.

## WASHING THE GREASE OFF PENNIES

BY SALLY KIRKA N.L.G.  
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I guess those that roll coins know that before you spray or put stain on the coins, you have to get the grease off. I wrote of this many times in the TEC NEWS as almost everyone does it their own way or what ever is easy for them. Its good to know how others do it. For those of you who don't know what we are talking about, in order for Lincoln to show on the coin you have to spray or use some kind of stain. Yet before you do this you have to get the grease off your coins first.

At one time I used baking soda in warm water to take the grease off. I just stirred them around and then let the clear water run on them. Then I wondered if the liquid soap effective on grease that sold in stores would be good on this to. After all it would take grease off pots and pans. So I tried it. I maybe do a 1000 at a time. I put enough of this dishwashing detergent called Dawn in, thats bought in every grocery store into warm water with the coins. Let the coins stand in the water for ten minutes or so. With your hand you keep moving them around as if you were washing them, or grease free. Then rinse, pat dry with a towel, put on newspaper and pat dry some more. They dry quickly.

When they are all dry I then spray, stain, or what ever you want to use I had no problem doing this and Lincoln looked nice on the back after I rolled the coins out. The Fuller Brush man has a very good liquid soap that will take the grease off very nice and quickly. Try this and you may like this. Lets hear from others what they use as they may have a better way of doing this.



When I first received my first Philatelic Numismatic Combined Cover, with elongated coins in them from Dottie Dow and Maurice Gould, I really loved this idea for elongated coins. I think I bought every P.N.C. Cover with an elongated coin in them for maybe since the first one was made. I'm sure I have almost every cover that Dottie Dow made and from the many others that were made.

About fifteen years ago there were some beautiful covers made by our TEC members. Many like Dottie Dows were put in hard cover holders so they will last a life time. I know one set of P.N.C. Covers Dottie Dow made and sold for fifteen dollars were later sold at one big auction for \$125. so you can see her covers were very beautifully made.

After buying all I could get I tried my hand on making the P.N.C. Covers. I forgot now which was my first cover I had made about twelve years ago. I think I made a bluebird reading the TEC NEWS and I made a coin of this to go with this cover as I had on it, Sally Kirka TEC Editor. I also painted the covers and then even painted some of my elongated coins.

The covers came out alright so I put the same thing on different size envelopes. So I have some size envelopes as large as this sheet of paper to a 2x2' small envelope, yes, also cancelled to.

I think Dottie Dow was the first to try the mini covers in 1971. I've also seen some nice mini covers that Ralph Holmes made. I know I have a few from my S.P.A.N. club to.

So in the past few years I have tried many new ideas. No, I don't call myself an artist but I did take some lessons in oil-painting. I again only like to paint flowers. So even now as I make some P.N.C. Covers for holidays such as Mothers Day, Easter, Valentines, Anniversary's, I draw some kind of flowers or something that I like. Many times I draw the flowers Al gave me, like my Easter lily, or the tulips. They are all on P.N.C. Covers now.

Drawing these covers by pencil and then by tiny thin point pens is not an easy job so I don't make many and don't sell them cheap. It takes many hours to do one envelope so I make only a few of each. You do learn a lot as you go along and you make things easier for yourself.

Now after I draw a picture like on this size sheet I can go to the printers and shrink the picture down and then have them print me some on some smaller envelopes with my drawing on them. I hope to bring some to the meeting to show what members can do. This is a fast growing hobby and many elongated coins are on some very nice P.N.C. Covers.

On larger envelopes I had more elongated coins put in. So some of my covers have as much as 16-20 elongated coins in them. To a true collector of Philatelic Numismatic Combined Covers the cancellation means a lot to. As like the cancellations used at the A.N.A. Convention, they will never be used again.

I would like to see more TEC members get interested in making P.N.C. Covers with elongated coins. As many people very interested in these covers and many want to buy them. I remember when I had an exhibit of them at one coin show, one stamp collector asked me what are those things with pictures on them that go with the covers in the little windows. She was pointing to the elongated coins. I got a kick out of this.

If anyone out there makes P.N.C. Covers with elongated coins in them, please write and let us know about them. Let us know what you have made. Frank Brazzell gave it a try. I'm no expert but I keep trying. I've improved a lot since the first P.N.C. Cover I made twelve years ago. So folks give it a try and see what you can make. I bet it will be a nice one to. Any questions just write to me as its not hard to do. Also write that article about your first cover with an elongated in it.  
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## MAKING DIES FOR ELONGATED COINS

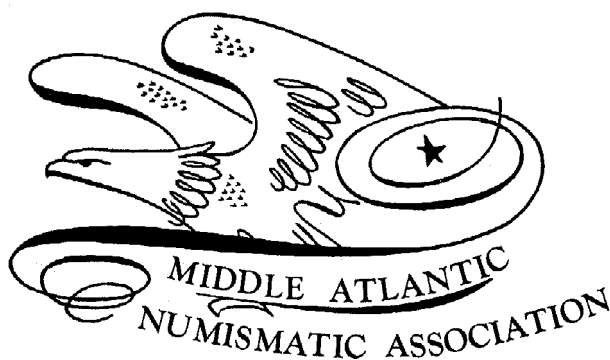
BY CHESTER M. ROGERS  
LEACHVILLE, ARK.

It isn't as easy as a lot of people think making a die for elongated coins. There are so many things that can go wrong while making a die.

I worked a short time in the hardening department and got acquainted with the metallogist who told me many good points and bad points about the steel. We used to hardened steel with zonite and this spattered on my body and caused infections so I had to get transferred to another department. Now, tool steel was hardened with the electric furnices. I learned that steel has grains in it somewhat like wood is and you never know how the acid which we use is going to react, no matter how careful we are in preparing the die. This is why a hand engraved die looks better then the photo-fabrication do. Oh yes, we have our very good dies to.

I have used dies that had been grounded off that were beautiful dies then I made new dies and they came out terrible. Why, because its the steel. Some steel hardens deeper in the surface then others. How do I know this? I have made six rolls that had real nice dies on them and had the six machined off and then prepared the six for six more dies. Now three of these came out wonderful and the other three, I could not get the full time in with the acid before it broke down. Now all these dies were prepared the same time so it had to be the die itself.

My conclusion is that three of these rolls were not as hard as the other three. So therefore broke down in the process. They used to have a testing machine where I worked to test how deep the hardened extended too. There are just a few of the things the die makers runs into, in the making of dies for the elongated coins.

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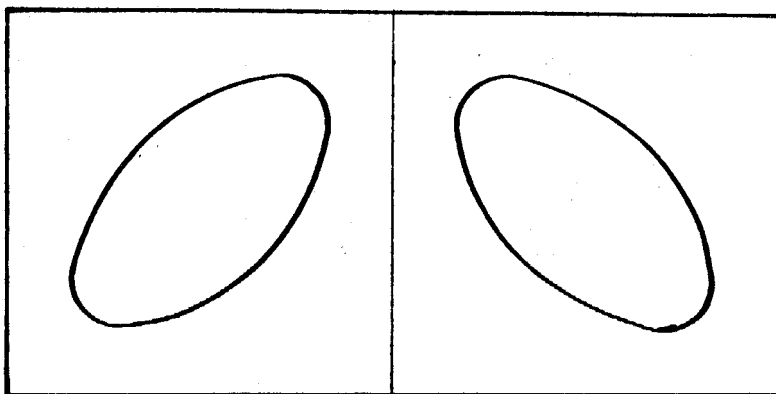
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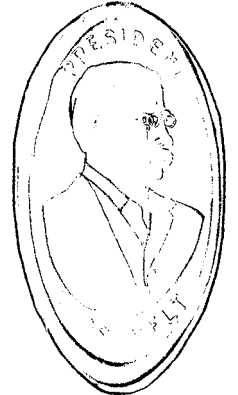
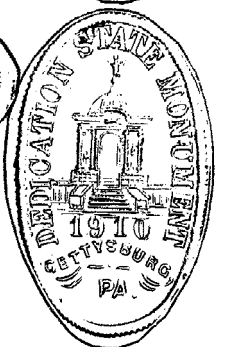
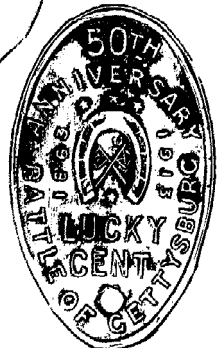
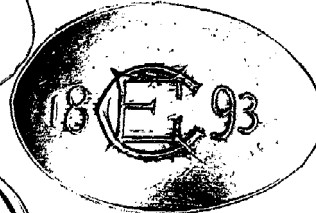
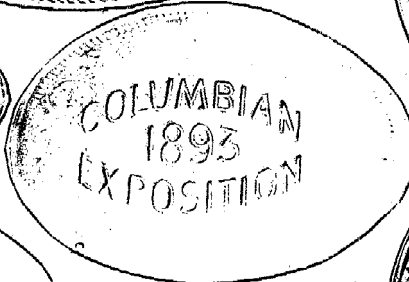
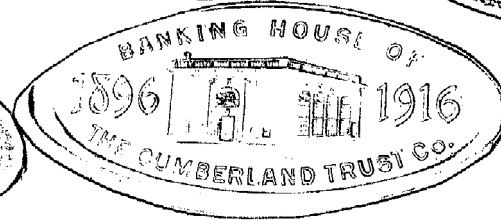
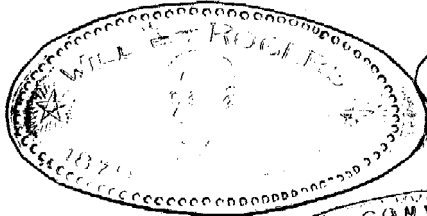
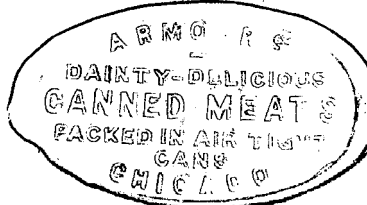
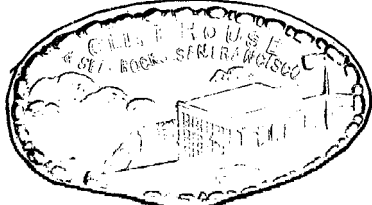
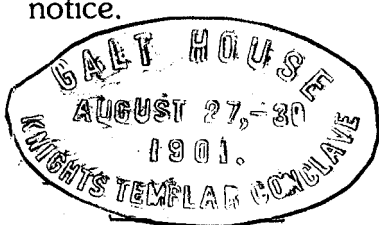
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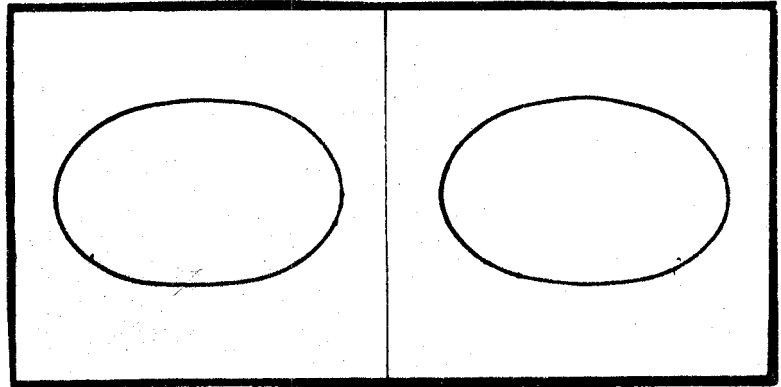
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